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Subject: Telephone via internet

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I am an internet user, and I believe there should be no restrictions on the type of communications used on the internet. If the internet providers can allow service cheaper than the long distance carriers which provide similar services, then they should be allowed to.

Things will settle out, and this will be healthy competition for the phone companies. Also, the form of information I send over the public network to another consenting private party should be my own business and not regulated by anyone.

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I hear that the government is trying to regulate Internet phone services. If that is true, it is a huge mistake. The internet is a wonderful technology platform which has great potential to advance our society. If the government starts screwing with it by trying to regulate it, we will all lose.

Michael Silver,
VP Product Development,
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"If I am not for myself, who will be for me, and if I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?" -- Hillel

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I'm not a lawyer or the like, but there's this to offer: the internet phone "suppliers" are not competing at all with the long distance providers, because they do not share means or goals. In fact, they are much more like radio makers than phone companies.

Now, if I provide a telephone device, am I in competition with a wireline carrier? Really? I think there are many companies which make cheap plastic telephones for home use.

If I build a HAM radio, am I in competition with long-distance calling providers? Why not? I'm making unrated, toll-free long-distance calls to the space shuttle and to foreign contries. It's voice communication, right?

So now, if I build a program which sends voice across existing free-use bandwidth for free, am I in competition with others who provide a pay-per-use network?

Tim

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From: <TOW2000@aol.com>
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Date: 4/11/96 2:07pm
Subject: Support for internet phone service

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I am voicing my opinion, internet voice communications should NOT become regulated. Its only hurting the phone companies, who are stealing our money.

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From: CHARLES McCAIN <stoneprof@texoma.com>
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Subject: Am. Carriers TeleCom Assn. Petition

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(4/11/96) - - It is too late for me to "officially" comment on the ACTA's petition, but it is as the famous general once said during the Gulf War: That sounds like a lot of bovine scaphology. I can't believe intelligent people in the FCC would fall for such an obvious ploy to not only over-regulate us but to also try to collect more money for themselves in the process. Is teh FCC again going to allow big business to screw the public? I surely hope not.

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Subject: internet services

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TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Dear Sir

I would like to express my opinion as a voter, consumer, but non-computer nerd (and therefore possibly a bit LESS biased for it) that phone capability should remain part of internet. I understand that there must be a lot of pressure from phone companies to get rid of it, but it seems like a good idea, and one which is definitely competitive with long distance phone services. There's nothing wrong with some healthy competition, and phone services are pretty low on competitors. They have relaxed into comfortable oligarchy and the kind of value that internet phone service represents is exactly the kind of shock to the system that might at very least bring consumers better prices.

Thank you for your time,

Brian Taylor

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From: Tony Ferrante <ferrante@ccwf.cc.utexas.edu>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 4/10/96 10:24pm
Subject: Internet Phone: Leave it alone

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Hello,

Please don't limit my rights. I love technology and the freedom of information, please don't regulate internet phone communications.

Tony Ferrante.

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To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 4/10/96 8:20pm
Subject: RM No.8775

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Re: RM No. 8775

As a concerned consumer I submit the following comment on ACTA's petition before the Commission.

In its own petition ACTA describes itself as, "the appointed representative of its members charged with advancing their economic interests." This is reason enough for the Commission to view ACTA's petition with a healthy dose of skepticism. ACTA is clearly acting in its own best interests. ACTA's members are corporations. They exist to provide a return on their shareholders' investments. The corporations that constitute ACTA have no reason to take the public interest into account when taking any action, whether it be installing new equipment or petitioning the Commission.

With that in mind, it is ridiculous for ACTA to state that, "it is not in the public interest to permit long distance service to be given away." It may not be in the interest of ACTA's members' shareholders for the public to have access to free phone service, but it is clearly in the public's best interest. The public interest is served by providing reliable phone service at the lowest possible cost. Any service or system that provides phone service for free is obviously providing it at the lowest possible cost and, therefore, serving the public interest.

It is my hope that the Commission will see ACTA's petition for what it is, a cynical attempt by a special interest group to create regulation that would force a captive market to enrich its shareholders.

Sincerely,
Walter Sarapa, Jr.

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Subject: Internet telephony

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As specifically outlined in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, you are specifically barred from making any rules regarding the Internet. Therefore, you must refuse to hear the pleading of the ACTA.

Sincerely,
Jesse Rice
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"Just another Cello user"

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Subject: Free Long Distance Calls over the Net

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If the FCC is trying to stop Emails to distance places and browsing to distant Internet sites, please STAY out of this all together. We don't need any more bills for long distance anything. Any wires have long since been paid for our telephone bills. Stay out of the Internet, please.

Cary Cox

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